

# **REAP Region 2 – Mason City Assembly Summary**

**March 23, 2006**

**Attendance: 44**

## **Preferred projects by county**

### **Group 1:**

Improvements to Clear Lake watershed.  
Land acquisition and corridor protection.  
Improved access to city parks for the elderly and handicapped.  
Other park enhancements.

### **Group 2:**

Buffer strips, water quality and other soil and water conservation practices.  
Trails including rails to trails conversion and urban trails.  
Open spaces to preserve remnant wild spaces.

### **Group 3:**

Roadside vegetation programs for all counties.  
Recreational trails to connect parks and county features to receive the many benefits trails provide.  
Environmental education. Every county needs an education center.  
Land acquisition in prairie pothole area.

### **Group 4:**

Expand public lands and access.  
Shelterbelts and tree plantings.  
Greenbelts and filter strips.  
Conservation education.  
Historical preservation for projects such as the Hanlontown Bank Building and bridge restoration.

## **REAP Improvements**

### **Group 1:**

Cerro Gordo has a successful REAP Committee. This is because of leadership and support from the county conservation board. They also seek input from various sources.  
Current grant amounts should be reduced in order to fund more projects.

**Group 2:**

REAP County Committee needs to hold its meetings in conjunction with other groups. There meetings should be held in REAP funded locations. County conservation board and soil and water conservation district meetings could provide existing structure. The meetings should be made public. There should be an incentive to attend such as door prizes; the meeting time limit needs to be followed and representation should be required from funded organizations.

**Group 3:**

There needs to be an entity in charge of the REAP County Committee such as the county conservation board. REAP County Committees need a purpose. They should receive some funding for committee projects. REAP County Committee funding could help promote the REAP program locally.

**Group 4:**

The duties and responsibilities of the REAP County Committees need to be redefined. The public needs to be notified of the meetings. REAP needs full funding. The funding breakdown needs to stay the same.

**Delegates to REAP Congress**  
**To be held July 15, 2006 in Des Moines**

**Delegates:**

Carol Schutte  
Paul Hertzell  
Todd Vonehwegan  
Mike Webb  
Doug Schroeder

**Alternates:**

Renee Bartling  
Tim Ackarman

**POSTERS**

There are posters which detail most of the REAP projects in your county in .PDF format. Please feel free to contact us for a copy of these files. You may use these files to print either 8.5 x 11 or 24 x 36 posters to educate county residents on what REAP has done for them.

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